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OUT OF PEN GAINS SEAT IN CONGRESS

Nomination of Caleb Powers
In Kentucky District.

RECEIVED 7,000 MAJORITY

Pardoned for Alleged Complicity in the Famous Goebel Murder, He Defeats Edwards for Seat in the National House of Representatives.

Pleading for votes on account of what he called his eight years of "martyrdom" in jail in connection with the Goebel assassination, Caleb Powers, former secretary of state, has defeated Congressman Don C. Ed-



CALEB POWERS.

wards for the republican nomination for representative from the Eleventh congressional district of Kentucky in a primary election by 7,000 majority.

At the headquarters of Congressman Edwards in London, Ky., it is conceded that Powers has carried all but four of the nineteen counties which comprise the district. Edwards carried only Laurel, Bull, Pulaski and Perry counties.

Congressman Edwards is serving his third term. Powers, who defeated him for renomination, made his race upon an appeal to the voters of the district to give him the nomination as a "vindication" of his alleged complicity in the assassination of Democratic Governor William Goebel in 1900.

Powers, who was secretary of state at the time of the assassination, was confined in jail during eight years, his first three trials resulting in conviction and the fourth in a disagreement.

Last year Governor Wilson swept the court records clear of all of the cases remaining untied in connection with the Goebel murder by granting pardons to Powers and several others.

CENSUS OF CITIES.

Chicago Ranks as Fourth City in the World in Population.

The population of Chicago is 2,153,253, an increase of 480,708, or 28.7 per cent, as compared with 1,698,545 in 1900.

This leaves Chicago ranking in population as second city of the United States and fourth of the world.

The population of New Orleans is 339,075, an increase of 51,871, or 15.1 per cent, as compared with 287,104 in 1900.

While New Orleans' growth during the past decade was only slightly below her percentage of increase of the previous decade, the Crescent City, through the more rapid growth of other cities in the 100,000 class, loses its position of twelfth in the list of the country's biggest cities and now occupies fifteenth position. Detroit, with a 63 per cent. increase; Milwaukee, with 51 per cent., and Newark, N. J., with 41.2 per cent., all have jumped ahead of New Orleans in the number of inhabitants, and now occupy twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth positions, respectively.

A GHASTLY DISCOVERY.

Bodies of Two Men Found Wedged on Pilot of Engine.

Tightly wedged in the pilot of a Royal Blue express train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, the bodies of two men, badly mangled and supposed to be those of Winfield D. Cullin and Jesse Cullin, of Belcamp, Md., were found when the train arrived in Philadelphia.

In addition to the bodies, parts of which were missing, a piece of a horse blanket and a portion of what is believed to have been a carriage wheel were also found on the locomotive.

In the pockets of the clothing of the bodies were found letters containing the names and addresses above given. These letters are the only clue the railroad people have to the identity of the men. The fact that the men were killed by the train was not discovered until the train reached Philadelphia.

CIGAR TRADE CRIPPLED.

12,000 Workers Have Been Out for Nine Weeks.

With 12,000 cigar-makers, who have been on a strike for nine weeks, still out and increasing disposition on the part of the strikers to create disorder, the clear Havana cigar industry of Tampa is paralyzed and is further from settlement than it has been at any time since the strike commenced.

Furnishing, as it does, more than half of the entire clear Havana cigars of the world, over 300,000,000 a year, and with the holiday trade just commencing, the situation at Tampa is regarded as critical.

SENSATION SPRUNG IN CHURCH CIRCLES

Savannah Pastor Ousts Elders
Seeking His Own Scalp.

TEN WERE DISPOSSESSED

Rev. W. A. Nesbit, at One Time a Merchant of Atlanta, but Now Pastor of Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Suspends Elders Who Were Fighting Him.

A sensation was sprung in church circles in Savannah when Rev. W. A. Nesbit, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, dispossessed ten of the fourteen elders and deacons of the church who voted to ask for his resignation several weeks ago. This act prevents the elders and deacons from taking the sacrament or performing any official duties in church or Sunday school.

Among those "dispossessed" are the superintendent of the Sunday school, three of the assistant superintendents and several teachers. The act practically disorganizes the Sunday school.

The "dispossession" followed the refusal of the elders and deacons of the church to continue their duties as such until the pastor resigns according to a request made by eleven of them.

The refusal of the resignation was made on the point that the period of the pastor's usefulness to the church had passed.

After the request for his resignation was made, the pastor announced that an offer had been made by a donor, whom he did not name, to erect a \$40,000 memorial church to bear the name of the donor, and that he had accepted the offer. The deacons took the position that as the building committee of the church they ought to have been consulted. They wanted to accept the donation under the condition that the plans of the donor would be acceptable to them.

In a congregational meeting the members of the congregation stood by the pastor, and the deacons and elders, among whom are some of the best known financial and business men in the city, gave up their books and declined to continue their duties further. This was followed by the pastor "dispossessing" them.

This act is being contested by the deacons and elders, who claim the pastor cannot take this step and that only the presbytery can excommunicate them.

A special meeting of the Savannah presbytery has been called to pass upon the matter. The deacons and elders will ask the presbytery to sever the pastoral relations of Mr. Nesbit with the church.

Before entering the ministry, about thirty years ago, Rev. W. A. Nesbit was a prominent furniture merchant of Atlanta.

ELIMINATE MIDDLEMAN.

Texas and Oklahoma Unions Form Plan to Transact Business Direct.

It was announced at Galveston by the president of the Farmers' Union of Texas and Oklahoma, that a determined effort will be made this season to eliminate the middleman in marketing cotton from that section. As a result of the Galveston bankers and cotton dealers coming to the assistance of the cotton producers of Texas and Oklahoma during the financial troubles of 1907 and 1908, the Farmers' Union contracted to handle the cotton of its members through the port of Galveston last season. This was successfully accomplished and the contract has just been renewed for another year.

Speaking of the matter, President Loudermilk, of the union, said Galveston was selected because it is the purpose of the union's selling agency to bring cotton producers directly in touch with the spinners and dealers, thus cutting out the middlemen, who are a tax alike on the producer and the spinner.

PENNY NOVELS HIS DOWNFALL.

Charles Gallagher, 14 Years Old, is Arrested on Serious Charge.

Charles Gallagher, 14 years old, who is said to be a reader of dime novels, was arrested at Chicago, charged with robbing two boys of a revolver and a rifle and with shooting two other boys with a double-barreled shotgun.

Peter Socks, 10 years of age, and Raymond Depew, 12 years old, were the victims of the robbery, and Martin Josephson, 12 years old, and Clarence Anderson, 13 years old, were wounded with buckshot when they got in the way of Charles Gallagher's bad aim when he fired at the two former boys.

THROUGH THE WHIRLPOOL.

Captain Larsen Braved Successfully the Perils of Niagara.

A Niagara Falls dispatch says: Captain Klaus Larsen, in his little motor boat, the Ferro, made a successful trip from the foot of the cataract through the whirlpool rapids to within a mile of Leiston, a distance of 4 1/2 miles. He started from the Maid of the Mist dock and ran on a rock near the American shore.

Despite the battering of the whirlpool rapids, Larsen went through safely, but his boat was leaking badly at the finish and through the trip.

The voters of Shreveport, La., have declared in favor of the commission form of government at a special election by a majority of 557.

GOVERNOR SANDERS.

Louisiana Executive, Who Refuses to Be United States Senator.



JUDGE SCOTT SLAIN.

Cordele Planter is Victim of a Tenant's Gun. . .

As the result of an altercation between Judge J. B. Scott and J. Hillary Day, on the former's plantation, on which the latter is a tenant, about 10 miles east of Cordele, Ga., Judge Scott is dead and Day is incarcerated in the county jail with a slight knife wound about his body, inflicted by a knife in the hands of Judge Scott.

The men had become involved in a dispute over the possession of some cotton grown on the place by Day, when Judge Scott, who lives with his family in Cordele, went out to his farm armed with a possessory warrant for the cotton. A difficulty ensued.

It is understood Judge Scott advanced on Day, slashing him with a knife. Day drew his pistol and fired, killing Scott instantly.

Day immediately hurried to town and surrendered to the officers. Both are men of families, Judge Scott being 65 years of age, while Day is about 40.

JOY RIDERS ARE TRAILED BY DEATH

Fast Speeding Auto Dashed Into Canal.

4 PERSONS ARE DROWNED

Accident Came as a Climax to an All Night Frolic at a Popular Resort as Party Was Returning to New Orleans.

All four occupants of a large touring car returning from a lake resort to New Orleans were drowned when the car, rounding a curve in the West End shell road at a high rate of speed shot straight ahead and plunged into the new basin canal.

The accident came as a climax to a night's frolic, the party having spent the greater part of the night at West End, a famous summer resort near New Orleans.

The Dead.

W. R. Freeman, 35 years old, of 285 William street, New York City.

Thomas Boettler, 43 years old, of New Orleans.

Dorothy Hall, 21 years old, of New Orleans.

Marlan Giblen, 25 years old, of New Orleans.

A laborer on his way to work was the only witness to the accident. He said the car passed him at such a clip that he was unable to note how many persons it contained. It was at first reported that the car had seven occupants when it left West End, and the canal was dragged for three hours.

Later it was definitely established that Boettler, Freeman and the two women were the only persons in the car when it went into the canal.

Although the bodies remained at the bottom of the canal but a few hours, shrimp, crabs and garfish disfigured them to such an extent that they were barely recognizable. Several of them had ears and noses eaten completely off. The identity of the women was established largely through their wearing apparel and their hair.

A STRANGE FATALITY.

Man Laid Trap for Thieves and in Himself the Victim.

J. B. Beasley, a prominent merchant and postmaster of Rockport, near Georgetown, Miss., met death in a peculiar manner.

Several weeks ago burglars robbed Beasley's store and the postoffice. In expectation of another visit from the burglars, Beasley had set a loaded shotgun so that when the door was opened the gun would be discharged. Forgetting the trap he had laid, Beasley attempted to enter the store and the gun was discharged, killing him almost instantly.

Two Bullseyes.

Senator La Follette was talking about two corporations that had been attacking one another in the press.

"They both scored," he said. "They made me think of two prisoners in Atlanta, one of whom had been convicted of stealing a watch, the other of stealing a cow. These two prisoners hated each other, and as they passed one morning in the exercise yard the cow stealer said, with a sneer: "What time is it?" "Minking time," the watch stealer answered."

NAVAL STATIONS OF GULF ARE DEFICIENT

Rear Admiral Young Talks of
the Matter.

THE PENSACOLA NAVY YARD

While a Guest of the Pensacola Elks at Their Country House Admiral Young, in a Speech, Touches Upon the Needs of the Gulf Stations.

That the naval stations of the gulf should be improved and immediately, and that the Pensacola navy yard should at once be looked after by the navy department is the belief of Rear Admiral Lucien Young, commandant of the Pensacola navy yard, who is not backward in expressing his opinion publicly.

The admiral was the guest of honor of the Pensacola Elks at their country home, and as usual on such occasions he was called upon for a speech. After touching upon the importance of the gulf navy stations and stating that they should be at once placed on a par with the New York and Philadelphia yards, he said: "Pensacola bay is the only harbor from the Chesapeake bay around to the Rio Grande where a battleship can at all times enter with safety, and it is the one logical place for a great gulf naval yard." The admiral also said that the representatives in congress from Florida should get busy and do something in the way of demonstrating to the navy department the necessity of immediate action.

WHERE IS MORAN P

Nothing Heard From Jacksonville Man Since August 3d.

Fearing her husband has met with foul play, or is lying ill among strangers, Mrs. Anna Moran, 311 East Sixth street, Jacksonville, Fla., wife of Jesse Moran, a prominent real estate dealer of Jacksonville, formerly with offices in Castle Hall building, has sent out circular letters to different police departments, asking them to help her search for him.

According to the wife, Moran left Jacksonville on August 3d, and has not been heard from since. He left Jacksonville ostensibly for the purpose of finding some location in a northern city. At the time of his disappearance he had several hundred dollars on his person, and Mrs. Moran fears he has been robbed of his money and murdered.

Two Fine New Boats.

"Swansea" and "Somerset" will be the names of the two handsome new ships that are now being built by the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company. The names of the new ships were announced at Jacksonville in a letter to Horace Avery, the local agent for the company at this point, received from President Whitney, of the company. The big boats, which are to be finished in March and April, and to be used in the trade between Jacksonville and Baltimore, are 4,200 tons burden and are being built in the shipyards at Camden, N. J., by the New York Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Homeseekers Coming.

The tide of immigration from the West to Florida, attracted by the reclamation of hundreds of acres of waste lands, has been very noticeable in Birmingham for the past few days, says the Birmingham Age Herald. The settlers have in most instances purchased one-way tickets and in passing through Birmingham to Florida many of them express the belief that Florida is a state of great promise. The westerners and others have been attracted by the great advertising campaign which has been waged to attract people to points in Florida.

SHOT WHILE ASLEEP.

Shotgun Fell From Wall Killing Little Girl.

Eric Boswell, a five-year-old girl, met a tragic death at Bonifay, Fla., when a shotgun, which her father had placed on some pegs nailed to the wall, fell from its resting place, the gun being discharged and the entire load of squirrel shot striking the child in the abdomen.

The little girl was lying asleep on a couch while her parents were in the room talking before retiring for the night. The father had been squirrel hunting during the afternoon and on returning had failed to take the shells from the gun.

Increase Circuit Courts.

Hon. Jefferson B. Browne, president of the Florida State Bar Association, has issued a circular letter stating that at the November election an amendment to Section 35 of Article V of the constitution of Florida will be submitted to the people for ratification. The purpose of this amendment is to give the legislature the power to increase the number of circuits in the state, and otherwise improve the judicial system to meet the necessities of the state and expanding resources.

Mirrors and Sunshine.

Many persons do not know that sunshine is destructive to mirrors and produces that milky appearance which cannot be got rid of. When a mirror is being washed the water should not be allowed to get close to the edges, for often it will leak under, giving a mottled effect and ruining the glass. Hand mirrors should be placed where the sun will not strike them, and the cleaning parties that they are polished with should not be too moist, for there are often tiny spaces that will admit a liquid, and after this happens the mirror's usefulness will soon end.